

Minutes of the Henry's Fork Distribution System Annual Meeting March 1, 2012

The meeting convened at 4:00 p.m. at the Schoolhouse in McKinnon, Wyoming.

Ben Anderson called the meeting to order, and announced it is being recorded.

Ben Anderson read the minutes of the 2011 annual meeting. Jon Wilde motioned to approve the minutes. Jack Hickey seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Water Commissioner Todd Covolo reported the water regulation and distribution activity during the 2011 irrigation season, noting the following items:

- 1) The commissioner is appointed by both states.
- 2) In 2011, Regulation during the lowest flows were as follows:
 - a) Beaver Creek; unregulated in 2011
 - b) Burnt Fork; regulation began in August; Regulated to 1890's Priority.
 - c) Lower Henrys Fork; unregulated in 2011.
- 3) Hoop Lake users constructed a parallel ditch. A lock was needed for the ditch.
- 4) No problems occurred at the Burnt Fork split.
- 5) Baldy Spring Ditch Users must install headgates and flumes at each owner's expense before it will be regulated. Costs will be based on shares.
- 6) Some maintenance required in Nelson Ditch.
- 7) Good cooperation from the water users during 2011.
- 8) There was some discussion on the Baldy Spring Ditch regulation. Water users are responsible for individual headgates and flumes. Usually this would be a situation where civil law would apply within a ditch company. The Wyoming State Engineer's Office is ready and willing to help with the regulation and enforcement if needed, and will assess the water users for related expenses.

Bill Gamble motioned to approve the commissioner's report. Wade Stephens seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The Wyoming Financial Report was presented to the water users. The total cost for both states for 2011 was \$7878.47. Utah's portion is 30% based on the Interstate Compact. Utah's assessment for 2012 was \$2,363.54. There were no delinquent assessment accounts. The commissioner's hourly pay is \$20.57 and his vehicle charge is \$186/month for 12 months, resulting in \$2,232 for his vehicle use during 2011.

John Yarbrough, Hydrologist with the WY SE Office, reported that most if not all of the telemetry data is now available on one or more websites. Some of the data is available on greenriverbasin.org website.

Jade Henderson, Wyoming State Engineer's Office, discussed the options available for funding the commissioner transportation costs. These costs are a significant part of the budget. No changes were made. The Wyoming SE Office will decide how and when to implement any changes if needed.

With no other business, Ben called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. John Wilde so motioned. Jack Hickey seconded. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Attendees (from attendance roster):

Kevin Manfield, Lyman Grazing

Kirk Eyre, Lyman Grazing

Bill Gamble, Gamble Ranch

Jon C. Wilde, Self Ranch

Valrey Muir (sp?), Behunin Ranch

Bryon Thomas, Interstate Irrigation Co.

Wade Stephens, Stephens Ranch

Bob Anderson, J C Anderson & Sons

Jack Hickey

Bob Leake, UT Division of Water Rights, Vernal

Ben Anderson, UT Division of Water Rights, Salt Lake City

Andrew Dutson, UT Division of Water Rights, Vernal

Jade Henderson WY State Engineer's Office

John Yarbrough, WY State Engineer's Office

Todd Covolo, Henry's Fork Tributaries Water Commissioner